



Central South District

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Central South District News Updates

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Texas Methodist Foundation Grants

TMF grants serve the needs of outreach ministries, evangelism initiatives, scholarships and helping children in poverty and crisis.

At TMF we believe that grants are an ideal vehicle for helping congregations and organizations to clearly define their vision and purpose in working to bring about positive and sustainable change. We also believe in the importance of measuring outcomes, because information is key to learning where we have succeeded as well as understanding areas where challenges remain. While TMF grants are predominantly made to United Methodist churches, any charitable organization that shares TMF's vision and purpose can apply for a grant.

The Grants Committee reviews grant requests two times each year, in the spring and fall. To apply: <https://tmf-fdn.org/grants/apply>

Pathway Conversations

Texas Methodist Foundation has partnered with Perkins School of Theology to offer *Pathway Conversations—Live, Online Small-Group Webinars* free to United Methodist lay and clergy in Texas.

What to Expect

1. [Register](#) for the free Zoom event
2. Receive a personalized link and add it to your calendar
3. Spend a lunch hour learning how to better reach your people

Resources for All Saints Day Sunday

<https://umf.org/all-saints-day-resources>

Pledging Ideas

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/why-pledging-still-matters/>

Advent-ure Design Camp

This is a reminder to register if you have not already!

Don't miss this great opportunity that the conference is providing and is free to you to help assist in planning for Advent this year! Please communicate with your Worship team and Staff and have them register also. The more the merrier!

Marcia McFee is a well-known worship designer and communicator and is offering an interactive learning series that the Center for Leadership Formation knows will be a benefit to you and your worship planning team. Register below, we have made it Free to You and your church!

Advent-ure Design Camp - an interactive learning series with Dr. Marcia McFee

Get ready for a new liturgical year and re-ignite your creativity for worship with this six week learning series from Dr. Marcia McFee, a renowned worship designer, consultant, and educator (www.marciamcfee.com). This six-week journey begins on October 3rd. It will be a mix of webinars and self-paced learning that will walk you through the steps of designing a worship series for Advent - from choosing a theme to engaging the worship arts to getting help from your worship team and volunteers. This series is our gift to any congregation in the conference, and you can sign up at no cost to you. Just follow the link below to sign up and get ready for a hope-filled Advent season. Anyone from your church worship team can also use this link to get access.

Emails will arrive each Sunday for the next week's sessions beginning this Sunday October 3rd! Please [register](#). You will receive a confirmation after you register!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Robert Besser at rbesser@txcumc.org or Nancy Slade at nslade@txcumc.org.



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LMPC Workshops in November and December

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches will be held on Wed., November 3 (9:00am to 4:30pm CT).

Healthy Congregations will be held on Thursday, December 2 (8:30am-4:30pm Central Time).

For details, please consult the [CTS Brochure](#) and/or the [HC Brochure](#) . Register a group of four or more and save \$15 apiece! For your convenience, feel free to use this LMPC Registration Form to compile the names and contact information for your group. Questions? Call 630-627-0507.

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